



Reynoldsburg Lodge #340

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Stated Meeting: 1st Tuesday 7:30PM
 September through June

Special Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays and as called by the WM

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Lodge Calendar

Feb

7 Stated meeting – Wear a red jacket
 18-21 Washington Trip – Grand Lodge
 21 Special TBD
 25 Breakfast
 26 Officers Meeting/Pre Inspection

Mar

7 Stated meeting – Wild Game Night – Wear Camo
 11 Grand Masters Reception
 21 Special TBD
 24-26 Shrine Circus
 25 Breakfast
 26 Officers Meeting
 28 Special – Annual Inspection – FC degree

Apr

7 Stated meeting – Attire: polo shirt (masonic if possible)
 24 Masonic Night at Aladdin Shrine
 27 Breakfast

Ritual Practices will be held on Tuesdays when there is no stated or special meeting.

From the East WM Michael DuMolt

Hello Brethren,

I am G. Michael DuMolt, your Worshipful Master for the 2023 Masonic year. I do hope you had a wonderful holiday season and a very happy and safe New Year.



A little about myself: I was raised on a farm in southern Perry County. My father worked at Owens Corning Fiberglass in Newark for 33 years and in his spare time he cut timber. At the age of 17, I join the Army and set forth on my own career after graduating High School. After 22 years, I returned home to help my parents. I was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1997 and 3 years later I was installed as the Worshipful Master of Congo Lodge #743 in Benton, Arkansas, while in the Army. I am married to the most wonderful lady I have ever meet, Dr. Diana Dale Bartlett-DuMolt. We have been married 15 years as of 21st of December. We have a daughter; Shandi, who now resides on what remains of the family farm. How times change and property changes hands. I remember well, as a young boy, my grandfather took care of the nearly 250-acre farm, worked at Rockwell in Heath, and served as a traveling preacher in several Presbyterian churches in the area. And all the while, I am tagging along when I could. Today, only 7 acres remain of the old farm, the 2-story barn is gone, and all the farm equipment sold, but it is in good hands.

Our motto for 2023 will be **"Fill the Seats."** It is our goal to bring as many brothers to lodge as possible. Initiatives are being planned to make this happen. The Lodge will be conducting 100 Mason Nights for each stated meeting with the goal to reach 100 Mason in attendance by years end. The HIGHLIGHT of the year will be the **FIRST** annual Reynoldsburg/Whitehall & Past Masters Reunion to be held June 10th, 2023, Details will be published as we get closer to the event. There will be no cost to attend the reunion.

I cannot put to words how proud and honored I am to be serving as the Worshipful Master of our lodge for the ensuing year. You all, mean so much to me. I have found over the last 25 years, that should I ever need support, a kind word or just a warm smile, I can always count on finding them within the ranks of the brethren.

We will be continuing to have our practices on off Tuesdays, *excluding any specials called for degrees*. The practices will be continued throughout the 2023 Masonic Year. Please, check our webpage for the specifics www.Mason340.com. These practices are a wonderful time to re-engage, while enjoying the fellowship of our fraternity and the FUN of ritual work.

An important additional note: If you have not already done so, please visit Grand Lodge webpage to either register and/or update your profile. It is very important to keep this information up to date, as this is the best way to stay current with the lodge events. We utilize the email function of the page to get information out to the membership as a whole.

https://oh.grandview.systems/public_lodges/

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 614-312-6304 or gmdumolt@gmail.com for any reason. I am here for you and our lodge.

You can also visit our website calendar for future practices information <https://www.mason340.com>

My The Blessings of Heaven rest upon us! We look forward to seeing you all.

"Let's fill the Seats!"

RENT THE LODGE

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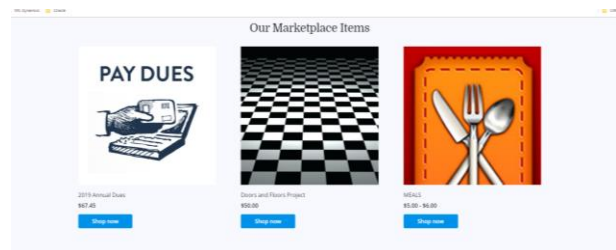
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reservations@mason340.com or
text 614-496-5444

Paying Your Dues/Sponsoring the Floor or any other Payment

<http://bit.ly/2msdk5e>



Brethren: WBro Harold Davis, Treasurer has set up a website where you can pay your dues, donate to the newly renovated floor, or make any other payment to the lodge. Just type in the link above (and below) and enter your information. The site charges a small fee to cover administrative expenses and the rest comes to the lodge. Or you can pay your dues with your normal check sent by "snail" mail (or even just come to lodge to pay your dues). You can also donate to Masonic charities through the same process.

There are about several dozen donation opportunities left for those members who want to support the recent capital improvements by adding their name or a short message to a representation of the newly installed mosaic pavement in the center of the lodge room. Squares are available at \$50 each. Make your check payable to Reynoldsburg Lodge 340, F&A.M. and print "Doors & Floors" in the memo line and mail them to the Secretary.

Trustees Corner

As we head into a new Masonic year, the Trustees want all our brethren to feel welcomed in our building and pray they will treat it respectfully and demonstrate a strong sense of stewardship. We also look forward to inviting our new members into our current culture and encouraging them to exercise their leadership qualities by example. This will enable our lodge to continue to be relevant to the Reynoldsburg community and to increase membership in Freemasonry.

At our annual meeting in November, Brother Christopher Baer was re-elected to a 3-year term as Trustee, with his term expiring in November 2025. The lodge benefits significantly from his legal expertise as a practicing attorney and his efforts in overseeing the replacement of our roof in late 2021. His efforts were instrumental in saving the lodge a considerable amount of money.

Regular maintenance was performed in December on our six fire extinguishers and our two furnaces. As we head into the cold season, remember our building is vacant for much longer than it is occupied. If you are the last brother or group of brothers to leave the building after a stated meeting or a practice, please be sure the following checklist is completed. Don't assume that someone else took care of it. Copies of this checklist are posted throughout the building, especially near the doors. We lose track of how many times one of the trustees comes back to the building the day after a practice to discover ceiling fans running or doors unlocked or open between different portions of the building.

While the furnaces are operating, thermostats must be reset to 55 degrees, the fans set to automatic, and the window blinds closed when leaving the building. This will ensure that the kitchen refrigerator and freezer are not overworked, and we won't purchase electricity we don't need.

Our daily rental rate is \$50 for lodge members and members of our lessees. Details on how to arrange daily rentals for any family or community event can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Trestleboard.

We want to remind our members that the lodge is not a repository for personal items, nor should items be lent to the lodge with the expectation that they will be returned

if they are no longer needed. It is not possible for the Trustees to keep track of such items and assure they don't get mixed in with assets that were purchased or donated for the lodge's use.

As always, we remain in service to the Great Architect of the Universe, our brothers, and their families.

Christopher Baer, Chair Exp. 2025
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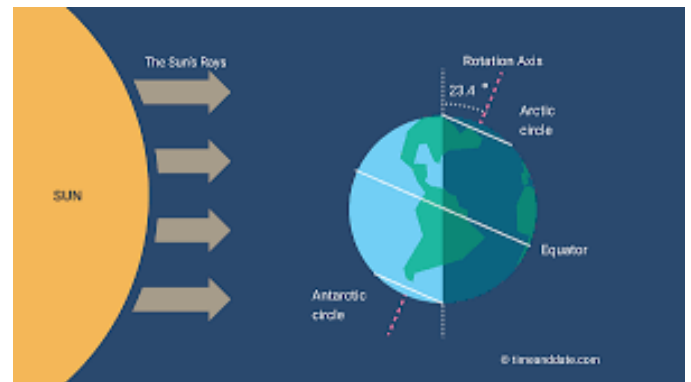
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Education Corner

RWB Ken Cohen, PM

On or about December 20 of each year, (the first day of Winter), we experience the shortest amount of daylight of any day in the year. The sun rises at its latest and sets at its earliest. Many years it barely matters, as it is often overcast and the sun can't even be seen for weeks.



This phenomenon occurs because the Earth is tilted with respect to the sun. As the Earth moves about the sun, the sun seemingly is directly overhead at a different point depending on the date. The winter solstice occurs in the northern hemisphere when the sun is directly overhead at its farthest point south.

Ok, thanks for the reminder of 8th grade science, but what does this have to do with Freemasonry?

In the Entered Apprentice degree, we learn that our lodges are dedicated to the HSJs. In fact, when the Grand Lodge of London (precursor to the United Grand Lodge of England - UGLE) was founded over 300 years ago, one of the stated reasons for forming a grand lodge was to celebrate the Masonic holidays, namely the feasts of the HSJs. The Baptist's feast day in June 24 and the Evangelist's feast day is December 27.

December 27 is awfully close to the solstice discussed above. Again, what's the connection?

Freemasonry is about the search for enlightenment or finding the light we most desire. In the summer, we celebrate the maximum amount of light we receive, but even in the darkest day of the winter, as Freemasons, we celebrate not that we are in darkness, but that every day for the next six months, every day will bring more light. So don't despair of the darkness. Come to lodge and enjoy the light.



IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for Assigned Master Craftsmen. Become a mentor to a new member. Must be a Master Mason, but other training and mentoring will be provided.

Coming soon: If you became a Master Mason in a Grand Master's Class last year, we will be holding some training/orientation sessions at the lodge. If you've been a Master Mason for a while but would like to refresh/know more, contact leo@mason340.com and sign up for these sessions.

Happy Birthday!

The following Brothers are celebrating another trip around the Sun in Jan, Feb, or Mar

Robert Ashbrook, James Audet, Duane Baker Jr., Monroe Bradley, Ronald Brofford, John Brogan, Chad Brown, Scott Bryant, Monty Chase, Michael Davis, Lloyd Degonia, Christopher Diaz, Phillip Dickerson, George Dountz, Scott Edgel, Daniel Ellis, Stanley Gatterdam, Joseph Geiniman, James Glaze, Phillip Harms III, James Hartsell, Steven Hartshorn, Daniel Keith Hill, David Huffman, Dean Hursey, Brandon Hutchins, Patrick Kelly, Jeff Kohler, Harold Kolsky, Mark Lochstampfor, Scott Long, Al Marsico, James Mathews, Harold McDow, Richard McKinney, Larry Middendorf, Niko Milano, Douglas Miller, William Mills, James Moeckel, Davy Moore, Ronald Moore, Jeffrey Murdock, Baibai Musah, James Myers, Michael Myers, Thomas Pace, Forest Paxson, John Pinkerton, Clarence Ransburgh, Mark Redfern Jr., Kenneth Romine, Thomas Romine, Adam Rudolph, Edward Rutherford, John Schaefer, Jerry Smith, Robert Springer, John Stanton, Gene Steineman, John Trikouros, Henry Tucker, Ralph Turley, James Webber, Gary Wehr, Kevin Whipple, Donald Whybrew, James Winslow and John Wronski.

Masonic Anniversaries

These Brothers are celebrating another year of membership in our great fraternity!

Robert Ahlborn II, James Aiken, Michael Arnold, Charles Ashley, Stephen Baker, Kendric Ball, Roderick Basye, Joshua Beckett, Ryan Borja, Seth Bower, Terry Boyd, Scott Bryant, Arthur Campbell, Lawrence Caswell, Carl Chasteen, Jerry Childers, Samuel Cohen, James Cummins Jr., Lloyd Degonia, Joseph Demko, Tod Ebetino, Richard Elsworth Sr., Simon Fernandez, Darrin Flesher, Darin Fulks, Robert Gray, Jeffrey Grimm, Stanley Grimm, Phillip Harms III, Michael Harris, James Hartsell, Steven Hartshorn, Steven Hicks, Robert Hilbert, Daniel Hill, Daniel Keith Hill, Robert Hirsh, Ross Hite, Jeffrey Hochradel, Aaron Howard-Miller, David Hussell, Milton Keaton, Darrell Kelso, Ryland Kemmerling, Jason Knapp, Robert Kniffin, Jeff Kohler,

Russell Kravig, Adam Lappert, Brent Lawson Jr., Charles Lepley, Christopher Long, Bradley Love, Thomas Lybarger, Al Marsico, Stephen Martanovic, Derek Martin, Jeffrey Mason, Christopher McCoy, Niko Milano, Michael Miller, William Mills, Erick Moynihan, James Myers, Benjamin Okwumabua, Hassan Omar, Oscar Perry, John Pinkerton, Clarence Ransburgh, Matthew Ray, Mark Redfern Jr., Kenneth Romine, Etienne Roserie, Claud Roush, Jason Schilling, Sean Selby, Oscar Shepherd Jr., Emmett Sifford, Anthony Sylvania, Louis Sylvania, Jerry Smith, Robert Stacoffe, Arvil Stevens, Thomas Studebaker Jr., Malcolm Talbot, Eugene Terrell, Terrence Tubbs, Henry Tucker, John Waldorf Jr., Scott Walker, James Webber, Stewart Webster, Gary Wehr, Kevin Whipple and James Woodward.

Christmas on the Towne and Breakfast with Santa



You Should Have Been There

Photos from the Lodge

New Lodge Officer Installation



Calling For Topics and Speakers.

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Suggestions anytime!



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